

11/3/08



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/564,590 Confirmation No. 2341  
Applicant(s) : William G. Lutz, et al.  
Filed : January 13, 2006  
TC/A.U. : 1733  
Examiner : Justin R. Fischer  
Title : METHOD FOR JOINING PIPING SYSTEMS AND PIPING  
TO EQUIPMENT, FIXTURES, DEVICES, STRUCTURES,  
AND APPLIANCES  
Docket No. : 63119A  
Customer No. : 00109

EXPRESS MAIL MAILING LABEL NO EV661605205US

DATE OF DEPOSIT: October 14, 2008

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER OR FEE IS BEING DEPOSITED  
WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, WITH SUFFICIENT  
POSTAGE "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" SERVICE  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.10 ON THE DATE INDICATED ABOVE AND IS  
ADDRESSED TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,  
WASHINGTON, DC 20231.

Melissa Van Meter

PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF PERSON MAILING PAPER OR FEE

SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAILING PAPER OR FEE

October 14, 2008

DATE OF SIGNATURE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE C

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 15, 2008, Applicants hereby  
reply as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Conclusions** begin on page 7 of this paper.